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Bisso Marine Adds a New Lay Barge to its Fleet

HOUSTON (May 8, 2009) – Bisso Marine, a premier provider of energy and maritime support services, has expanded its growing fleet by purchasing a third pipelay barge.

The former G/P 37 was purchased from Global Industries and will be renamed the L/B Warrior Chief.

“The L/B Warrior Chief adds depth and capacity to our experienced fleet, allowing us to provide an even greater level of quality and service,” said W.A. “Beau” Bisso IV, president and chief executive officer of the company.

The 188 by 60 by 14-foot L/B Warrior Chief can accommodate 65 people and features a 40-foot diameter helideck. The multi-purpose pipelay platform also will serve as a dive support platform and saturation diving platform.

Built in 1981, the L/B Warrior Chief is classified ABS A-1 and has a Coast Guard COI. The vessel is a conventional S-lay barge with four work stations and a 40-kip tensioner. It is outfitted with a 525-psi Patterson jet pumping system and an eight-point mooring system. It is configured to lay up to a 20-inch single pipeline.

Since 1890, Bisso Marine has provided quality services to the marine and energy industries, offering marine construction, pipe laying, salvage, heavy lift and diving services. With offices and strategic alliances located across the Gulf Coast, South America, Europe and Asia, the Bisso Marine fleet is uniquely positioned to provide a full range of maritime services and emergency response across the globe. For more information, please visit us at www.bissomarine.com.

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The L/B Warrior Chief joins Bisso Marine's expanding fleet.